

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

CAROLINE ANGULO, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PROVIDENCE HEALTH &
SERVICES – WASHINGTON, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C22-0915JLR

MINUTE ORDER

The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable
James L. Robart:

On August 9, 2024, the court issued an order denying Plaintiffs’ motion for class certification, granting Defendant Providence Health & Services – Washington’s (“Providence”) motion to strike class allegations, and granting Plaintiffs leave to file a fourth amended complaint. (*See generally* 8/9/24 Order (Dkt. # 184).) Plaintiffs timely filed their fourth amended complaint on August 30, 2024. (*See generally* 4th Am.

1 Compl. (Dkt. # 189).) Plaintiffs' fourth amended complaint is 173 pages long, not
2 including exhibits (102 pages longer than Plaintiffs' third amended complaint) and adds
3 130 new named Plaintiffs, all of whom are proposed class representatives, to this action.
4 (*Compare id.*; with 3d Am. Compl. (Dkt. # 129).)

5 On September 5, 2024, the parties notified the court by email that they were
6 engaged in a dispute regarding the deadline for Defendants to answer or respond to the
7 fourth amended complaint. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(3), Defendants
8 must file their responses to the fourth amended complaint within 14 days after service,
9 unless the court orders otherwise. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(3). Thus, absent a court order,
10 Defendants' answers or responses to the fourth amended complaint are currently due on
11 September 13, 2024. *See id.* Providence states that it asked Plaintiffs to stipulate to a
12 60-day extension of the deadline to respond in light of the greatly increased scope of the
13 fourth amended complaint, but Plaintiffs declined to agree to Providence's request.

14 In the court's view, Plaintiffs' refusal to extend the deadline for Defendants to
15 answer or respond to an amended complaint that includes over 100 pages of additional
16 allegations and 130 new named plaintiffs is patently unreasonable. Therefore, the court
17 ORDERS Plaintiffs to SHOW CAUSE by no later than **September 9, 2024, at 5:00**
18 **p.m.**, why the court should not grant Providence's request and extend the time for

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1 Defendants to answer or respond from 14 days to 60 days. Defendants may file optional
2 replies to Plaintiffs' response by no later than **September 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

3 Filed and entered this 6th day of September, 2024.

4 RAVI SUBRAMANIAN
5 Clerk of Court

6 s/ Ashleigh Drecktrah
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